

REMARKS

Claim 9 is pending in the application. Claim 9 has been allowed after an Examiner's Amendment inserted the term "isolated" in front of the term "immunostimulatory oligonucleotide". Applicants' proposed amendment is for the purpose of changing the term "isolated" to "isolated or synthetic". This amendment does not change the scope of the claim, since the sole purpose of either term is to distinguish the claimed subject matter from any product of nature. Support for the amendment is found in the specification as filed at page 23, Example 1, where the synthesis of the oligonucleotides is described.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be made and the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 207-791-3078.

Respectfully submitted,

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